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May 27 General Meeting

The Prez Sez...

By Lyn Morse

Let's Compute has had a good year, and as I write this, we're at 1,049 people and close to breaking our membership record. Since our year ends on June 30, we probably won't set a new one, but who would sneeze at this many people joining our Premier Club – and we are that! It's amazing how \$25 dollars a year can enhance our lives: classes, SIGs, meetings, open lab time, INTERNET access, computer problems discussed and answered, and just plain good ole fashioned friendliness. All this five days a week and two hours on Saturday! Wow!

With all that being said, please remember that in June, July and August there are no General Meetings in Speakers' Hall. Some of the SIGs are dark, and yes, the number of classes is reduced. We volunteers are like you and do flee the Valley of Heat occasionally. Some of us also turn our attention to learning new programs and developing new classes for you. Also, SWUG happens during this time period, and the attraction of learning something new AND go-



The program for the General Meeting is "still up in the air."

Watch your email for more information, or just be surprised!

ing to San Diego for a weekend takes some of us away. Then, there are all those good books that have come into the library that need our attention also. As we say back in the Ozarks, the "pickins' are slim" on the schedule, but classes do continue. You can always check class schedules on the club's website - scpd-ComputerClub.org – if you forget to download it when Kent sends it out.

If you've not explored our website, check it out. You'll find Bits and Bytes going back for years. There are some articles in the newsletters that are timeless with their information. Go searching through them sometime, with good music playing in the background (or

from iTunes). There are also links to some of the speakers we've had at the general meetings as well as other companies you might be interested in. Of course, our by-laws and minutes are also posted there. Kent has done an outstanding job in putting the website together and keeping it current.

If you've ever thought of teaching a class, summer would be a good time to try one out. Class sizes are smaller and availability of time slots is much greater. Remember the old TV commercial? Try it, you might like it.

Which brings me to a **HUGE** request. Sign up for classes, don't just drop into the lab and assume there is space for you, or even that a class is in session. If not enough people sign up for a class, or the instructor is ill, the instructor may have called those who did sign up and cancelled or rescheduled. Also, if handouts are available, the instructor may have run only enough for those who have signed up.

With 90 to 100+ degree heat beginning, have a great summer in the cool of your computer. And instead of saying "Happy Trails to You", I'll close with Happy Computing to You.



Windows SIG

By Kerry Greene

The final Windows SIG meeting of the season was well attended on April 15th with 22 members interested in our topic: SyncToy v.1.4 from Microsoft. This program was suggested at our March meeting by member Andrew Porter during a discussion of making backups of our important files.

SyncToy v1.4 is available as a free download on the Microsoft Download Center. The easy to use, customizable application helps you copy, move, rename, and delete files and folders between your computer and your backup device, such as an external hard drive, or another computer on your network. The importance of maintaining a backup of your critical files (documents, pictures, address books, website favorites, etc.) cannot be stressed enough. The hard drive in your computer can crash at any time (more likely after 3-5 years of use), and all your data could be lost. Also, having a well maintained backup will make it easy to transfer your data to a new computer.

System Requirements for SyncToy v1.4 are:

- Supported Operating Systems: Windows Vista; Windows XP
- Microsoft .NET Framework v2.0
- 1GHz Intel P3 processor or equivalent
- 256MB RAM, 512MB RAM recommended

- 20MB free disk space

After downloading SyncToy v.1.4 from the Microsoft Download Center (just do a search for SyncToy 1.4 there), you will be prompted to start the installation. If your computer does not have Microsoft .NET Framework v2.0, you will get a prompt to upgrade to that before continuing with the SyncToy installation.

Next, you can choose how you want to backup your data. You can perform the following tasks between two folders:

Synchronize: New and updated files are copied both ways. Renames and deletes in one folder are repeated on the other.

Echo: New and updated files are copied left to right. Renames and deletes on the left are repeated on the right.

Subscribe: Updated files on the right are copied to the left if the file name already exists on the left.

Contribute: New and updated files are copied left to right. Renames on the left are repeated on the right. Similar to Echo, except there are no deletions.

Combine: New and updated files are copied both ways. Renamed and deleted files are ignored

It is recommended using Echo for most tasks so that your data is backed up to your device and changes on your hard drive are "echoed" on your backup.

Many thanks to Andrew Porter for demonstrating SyncToy, Barbara Kaye for download details and Pat Palladino for taking great notes.

See you in October!



Internet SIG

Kerry Greene, Terry Kay
& Kent McDonald



Mea culpa,
Mea culpa !!

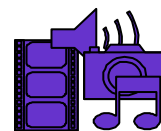
The April ISIG meeting didn't happen. A competing computer club meeting and other extraneous activities took the meeting off our radar and it was simply forgotten about.

To those who showed up and waited without results, please accept our apologies.



If you will plan to attend **May 13**, so will we.

As always, it's your internet questions and observations that drive our discussions, so come prepared.



Digital SIG

By Jan Grenert

The Digital SIG group viewed the free download of the new beta online album offered by Adobe Photoshop Express. No one seemed to get the least bit excited about the features and the general consensus of those attending the meeting was that they were sticking to what they were currently using. Among those online albums was Kodak Easy Share, Ophoto, WebShots and Costco.

Arelene Faber brought up her Costco on-line photo albums and showed how easy it was to use.

There are no meetings until Fall.

May Class Schedule

DAY	DATE	TIME	CLASS	BOOK	TEACHER
Sat	May 3		Open Lab 10:00 – 12 noon		
Thur.	May 8	1 – 2:50	Quicken: Q & A General Use (PC)	8	Frank Gombos
		3 – 4:30	Word Draw (PC)	2	Jan Grenert
Fri.	May 9	1 – 2:50	Quicken: Q&A Investment Tracking (PC)	8	Frank Gombos
Sat	May 10		Open Lab 10:00 – 12 noon		
Mon	May 12	1 – 2:30	PrintShop Stickers 1	4	L. Ferrel/A. McCabe
Tues	May 13	7:00	Internet SIG		Lab
Wed	May 14	9:00	File Folders & Maintenance (PC)	12	Charlie Voelker
Thur	May 15	9:00	Board Meeting		Idyllwild Room (MV)
		1:00	Flash Drives (Mac /PC)	1 or 18	L. Morse/S. Harbet
		2:00	What's in the Box? A look inside the computer	18	Shelia Harbet
		3 – 4:30	Digital Pictures in Word (PC)	2	Jan Grenert
Fri	May 16	1 – 2:30	Pinnacle: Basic Movie Editing (PC)	9	L. Ferrel/A. McCabe
Sat	May 17	10 – 12	Open Lab 10:00 – 12 noon		
Wed	May 21	9:00	PrintShop 2 (Mac)	1	Helene Barker
Thur	May 22	3 – 4:30	Word : Linking Text Boxes (PC)	2	Jan Grenert
Sat	May 24		Open Lab 10:00 – 12 noon		
Mon	May 26		Memorial Day Holiday- Lab Closed		
Tues	May 27	2:00	General Meeting		
Wed	May 28	9:00	Word for Mac	1	Helene Barker
Thur	May 29	3 – 4:30	Word 4 (PC)	2	Jan Grenert
Sat	May 31		Open Lab 10:00 – 12 noon		



May Classes Listed Alphabetically

Class	Date	Time	Class	Date	Time
BOARD MEETING	5-15	9:00+	Quicken Q and A - PC		
File Folders & Maintenance - PC	5-14	9:00	Home Banking	5-8	1:00+
Flash Drives – Using correctly	5-15	1:00	Investment Tracking	5-9	1:00+
GENERAL MEETING	5-27	2:00	What's in the Box - PC	5-15	2:00
INTERNET SIG	5-13	7:00pm	Word for Mac	5-2	9:00
PrintShop Stickers – PC	5-12	1:00+	Word Series - PC -Advanced		
Pinnacle: Basic Movie Editing – PC	5-16	1:00+	Word Draw	5-8	3:00+
PrintShop2 – Mac	5-21	9:00	Digital Pictures into Word	5-15	3:00+
			Linking Text Boxes	5-22	3:00+
			Word 4	5-29	3:00+

Let Your Vote Count!

By Lyn Morse

No, I'm not talking about the upcoming National election; I'm referring to Let's Compute's election of Board Members for the 08/09 year. By now, you have received the ballots in the mail. Please return them as soon as you can. Most of you save time and renew your membership in the same envelope. For our Canadian members, a reminder that dues must be paid in U.S. dollars.

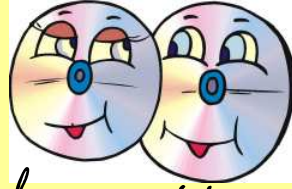
One year we received a ballot in time for the next election, well, almost. It came in February of the following year.

You'll note that the position of Director of Programs says the position will be appointed. No one stepped forward to put a name on the ballot, so the By-Laws state that the President may appoint someone to that position.

Having had that position for three years and also filling that capacity for two years while President (one quit after two or three months and no one ran another year), I'd like to share with you the responsibilities of the Director of Programs so there are no surprises. Please contact me if you are interested; my telephone number is 345-4466.



Photoshop



lessons pictures
Elements 6

By Jan Grenert

Teacher Jim Calvert has bid us a fond 'farewell' as he and Anna head back to the Northwest for the summer.

However, this year Jim has left something behind for those of his students who already have the new PhotoShop Elements 6 on their home computers. (This version of the program is not on the lab computers).

Jim has done some preliminary testing on this newest version and created a set of Lesson/Picture CDs for us to use as learning tools. He has asked me to give these CDs to his students who have Elements 6.

Jim will be evaluating this version over the summer and determine if he would recommend that the club buy this program for the lab computers, or wait to see what the future Elements 7 offers.

So, if you have Elements 6, as I do, and need some help learning the newer version, as I do, give me a call or send me an email.

Jim will be interested in your comments and experiences on using Elements 6.

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Let's Compute Volunteer Appreciation Party

For several years, the Board of the computer club has chosen to recognize and thank the many dedicated volunteers who give of their personal time to make our club the very special organization that it has become.

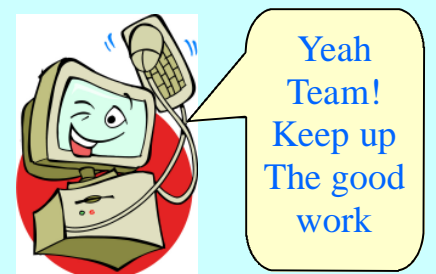
This year Volunteer Appreciation Party was held on April 27 in the Lakeview Clubhouse. Seventy-two Volunteers and a spouse or guest were invited to attend. Each volunteer received a note of appreciation and a coupon for \$10 off their next year's membership.

Who are these volunteers? They are teachers, monitors, helpers, committee heads, general meeting helpers, SIG leaders and many others who have contributed to the club in some way.

Collectively the 30 lab monitors serve more than 700 hours a year. Without them, there would be no open lab time for our members.

There are 26 teachers. In the time period from 4/07 to 3/08, two have taught every month for 12 months. Six have taught more than 50 hours and three of the six have taught more than 50 classes and two of them have taught more than 100 classes.

Every volunteer is valuable and appreciated for what ever time they give to the club.



May Monitor and Open Lab Schedule

TIME	DATE	10-12	12-1
Thurs	1-May	B. Osborn	N. Alpert
Fri	2-May	K. Gibbons	F. Diaz
Sat	3-May	Re McCarthy	Closed
Mon	5-May	C. Chu	B. Crowley
Tues	6-May	J. Manion	S. Cronin
Wed	7-May	C.Voelker	D. Feign
Thu	8-May	B. Osborn	N. Alpert
Fri	9-May	K. Gibbons	F. Diaz
Sat	10-May	L. Rowe	Closed
Mon	12-May	C. Chu	B. Crowley
Tue	13-May	J. Manion	S. Cronin
Wed	14-May	C.Voelker	D. Feign
Thu	15-May	B. Osborn	N. Alpert
Fri	16-May	The Kaczorowoskis	F. Diaz
Sat	17-May	L. Rowe	Closed
Mon	19-May	C. Chu	B. Crowley
Tue	20-May	J. Manion	S. Cronin
Wed	21-May	C.Voelker	D. Feign
Thu	22-May	B. Osborn	N. Alpert
Fri	23-May	B. Yeh	E. Lynch
Sat	24-May	L. Rowe	Closed
Mon	26-May	Memorial Day	Closed
Tue	27-May	J. Manion	S. Cronin
Wed	28-May	C.Voelker	D. Feign
Thu	29-May	B. Osborn	N. Alpert
Fri	30-May	The Kaczorowoskis	E. Lynch
Sat	31-May	L. Rowe	Closed

Yes, We Send Cards!

Lyn Morse

Let's Compute is a large and friendly group. We get to know a lot of people, some better than others, it's true. Because we are such a large group, we ask for your help. If you know of a member of Let's Compute who has passed away, or who has lost a loved one, or who is in the hospital, please let us know. June Cross has designed some lovely cards, and sends them for the Club. Please contact either June or a Board member with the information.

Southwest Users Group

Lyn Morse



Better known as SWUG, this is the computer conference that quite a few of us attend each year in San Diego. The dates for this year are May 30, 31 and June 1.

The conference is held at the Town and Country Hotel/Convention Center on Hotel Circle. The room rate for the conference is \$119 per night, single or double occupancy, and \$4 a day for parking.

Registration for the Conference is your responsibility, and depending upon when you register, the rate is different. Your registration fee covers your meal Friday nite, the three meals on Saturday, and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. There is a goodie bag when you check in that does have good stuff (get there early, last year last minute people didn't get all the good stuff), a tee shirt and conferences Saturday and Sunday morning.

Saturday night is the vendor's fair, with door prizes large and small. Sunday's lunch ends with even more door prizes. Year before last June Cross won the grand prize, a Canon camera! It seems like everyone leaves with some prize in hand!

If you're interested, check out the website for further information. It's www.theswcc.org. I noted that the conference rate for rooms at the Town and Country is on a space-available basis, and since that is the location of many conferences ongoing at the same time, you don't want to wait to get a room.

Town and Country is next door to a light rail station and Fashion Valley Shopping Center.

Also, if you are a teacher or monitor, remember the club is paying the registration fee for the first 10 of you who apply. The offer has been out there for over a month now, and on May 1 the rate went up from \$60 to \$75 dollars. After May 15, the rate is \$100. You will need to pay the difference between the \$60 and whatever the rate is when you apply. Contact Jack Drill.

May General Club Information

Meeting Schedule



INTERNET SIG	May 13.....	7:00 PM
BOARD MEETING	May 15.....	9:00 AM
GENERAL MEETING.....	May 27.....	2:00 PM
DIGITAL SIG	No meeting until Fall	
WINDOWS SIG	No meeting until Fall	
AUDIO/VIDEO SIG	No meeting until Fall	
MAC SIG	No meeting until Fall	



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		Beverly Yeh

35 MM Scanner Monitors

George Hans	Walter Goldsmith	Leonette Rowe
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